AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended)   A method for automatically filing documents relating to business transactions, ~~in which~~ using a computer system, the method comprising: ~~is used to store data relating to a business transaction for access using a business application and in which a business transaction is assigned an identification code, with one or more different classes of business transactions having different data structures being mapped in the computer system, characterized~~

[[--]]   ~~in that a first step involves~~ producing at least one input data record ~~being produced~~ from data relating to a business transaction, ~~said~~ the input data record having a structure ~~which is~~ specific to ~~one or the or each different~~ a class of business transactions and to one or more business applications[[,]];

[[--]]   ~~in that a second step involves~~ transforming the at least one input data record ~~being transformed~~ into an output data record ~~which is~~ designed for access by at least two business applications[[,]]; and

[[--]]   ~~in that a third step involves~~ storing the output data record ~~being stored~~ with ~~its associated~~ an identification code, wherein ~~so that~~ the output data record can be read in full or in part by the at least two business applications by referring to the identification code.

2.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1, ~~where the first step~~ wherein the producing step is performed using a first program module, the ~~second~~ transforming step is performed using a second program module, and ~~where~~ the input data record having the ~~specific~~ structure is transferred from the first program module via an interface to the second program module.

3.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~as claimed in~~ of claim ~~1 or~~ 2, ~~where the or~~ wherein each business application is stored in the form of a third ~~or further~~ program module.

4.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 3, ~~where~~ wherein the second program module is in a form such that the ~~transformation process in the second~~ transforming step can be set via an interface using the ~~or each~~ third program module.

5.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 3 ~~or 4~~, ~~where~~ wherein the second program module is in a form such that it can read data, which can be selected using the at least two business applications, from the output data record upon a data request from the ~~or each~~ third program module and can transfer ~~said~~ the data to the ~~or each~~ third ~~and/or to a further~~ program module via an interface for ~~the purpose of~~ further processing ~~and/or for the purpose of~~ or display.

6.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 5, ~~where~~ wherein the selectable data can be selected by the third program module.

7.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1 ~~one or more of claims 1 to 6~~, ~~where~~ wherein the output data record is stored on a transactional basis.

8.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1 ~~one or more of claims 1 to 7~~, ~~where~~ wherein the output data record includes [[has]], for a plurality of business applications, a ~~specific~~ database structure having one or more tables.

9.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1 ~~one or more of claims 1 to 8~~, ~~where~~ wherein the output data record includes [[has]], for different journals in accounting, different data areas.

10.   (Currently Amended)   A computer system for ~~carrying out the method as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, having~~ automatically filing documents relating to business transactions using a computer system, the computer system comprising:

<u>a first program module that stores at least one input data record from data</u>

<u>relating to a business transaction, the input data record having a structure specific to a</u>

<u>class of business transactions and to one or more business applications;</u>

<u>a second program module that transforms the at least one input data record into</u>

<u>an output data record designed for access by at least two business applications; and</u>

<u>a storage that stores the output data record with an identification code, wherein</u>

<u>the output data record can be read in full or in part by the at least two business</u>

<u>applications by referring to the identification code.</u>

[[-]] ~~means for storing data relating to business transactions,~~

[[-]] ~~means for storing programs,~~

[[-]] ~~means for executing programs,~~

[[-]] ~~program-code means for carrying out the method as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims.~~

11 - 15.   (Canceled)

16.   (New)   The computer system of claim 10, wherein the input data record having the structure is transferred from the first program module via an interface to the second program module.

17.   (New)   The computer system of claim 10, wherein each business application is stored in a third program module.

18.   (New)   The computer system of claim 17, wherein the second program module transforms the at least one input data record into the output data record via an interface that uses the third program module.

19.   (New)   The computer system of claim 17, wherein the second program module reads data, which can be selected using the at least two business applications, from the output data record upon a data request from the third program module and can transfer the data to the third program module via an interface for further processing or display.

20.   (New)   The computer system of claim 19, wherein the selectable data can be selected by the third program module.

21.   (New)   The computer system of claim 10, wherein the output data record is stored on a transactional basis.

22.   (New)   The computer system of claim 10, wherein the output data record includes for a plurality of business applications, a database structure having one or more tables.

23.   (New)   The computer system of claim 10, wherein the output data record includes for different journals in accounting, different data areas.

24.   (New)   A computer program stored in a computer readable medium, the computer program executing instructions according to a method, the method comprising:

producing at least one input data record from data relating to a business transaction, the input data record having a structure specific to a class of business transactions and to one or more business applications;

transforming the at least one input data record into an output data record designed for access by at least two business applications; and

storing the output data record with an identification code, wherein the output data record can be read in full or in part by the at least two business applications by referring to the identification code.